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Work is underway to construct a permanent Waterfront Operations Facility and demolish the existing waterfront operations complex at NAB Little Creek. The new facility will include administrative space for Port Operations staff, an observation tower, locker/shower areas, publications library, supply storage, duty crew male and female bunkrooms, crew lounge, tool issue room, maintenance shop, boatswain's locker, HAZMAT locker, battery locker, and a covered storage area for boat gear and equipment.



Rear Adm. Cellon takes LANTDIV reins

Rear Adm. Loose named Chief of Civil Engineers

LANTDIV HQ—A little rain couldn't dampen the festive spirits at the Atlantic Division Change of Command Ceremony Oct. 10 at the Lafayette River Complex in Norfolk.

Newly promoted Rear Admiral Richard E. Cellon, CEC, USN, relieved Rear Admiral Michael K. Loose, CEC, USN as Commander of the Atlantic Division. Rear Adm. Cellon reports to LANTDIV from duty as Commander, NAVFAC Pacific Division. Rear Adm. Loose became NAVFAC Commander and Chief of Civil Engineers Oct. 24.

"The Atlantic Division is a phenomenal establishment," said Vice Adm. Konetzni, Deputy Commander, Fleet Forces Command and principal speaker for the ceremony. "You help keep the fleet ready for war. What is most amazing is you do it in a professional and responsive way, and



Rear Adm. Richard Cellon, left, and Rear Adm. Michael Loose, right, cut the traditional cake following the Change of Command ceremony.



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with humility."

He presented the Legion of Merit to Rear Adm. Loose.

Rear Adm. Loose said LANTDIV has always performed superbly, and especially during his 14 months as Commander.

"It was the terrific men and women of the Atlantic Division who earned this medal," he said. "They deserve all the credit. It is a great personal honor for me to stand here and receive the praise and recognition for their many impressive accomplishments and sacrifices."

"I have cherished every single day," Rear Adm. Loose continued. "It's really hard to leave and to say goodbye. Without a doubt, LANTDIV has been my most rewarding tour ever. You made it so. Each and every one of you holds my great pride, total trust, loyalty, respect and lasting admiration."

"None of the accomplishments mentioned today would have hap-

pened without your exceptional leadership, consummate professionalism, unwavering dedication and your many personal and family sacrifices that you made. Thank you for making it happen, especially the behind-the-scenes professionals who support the entire organization."

Rear Adm. Cellon said, "I am truly excited to be standing here as the new Commander of the Atlantic Division, and am keenly aware of both the tremendous honor and tremendous responsibilities I've just been given."

"The list of recent accomplishments we've heard about today is incredible, and those are just the highlights. What's impressed me even more than the achievements is the clear evidence of collaborative teamwork and synergy among a group of immensely talented, dedicated professionals. Nobody in the facilities engineering business has a better reputation than the Atlantic Division, and it is a reputation well earned."

Loose is 40th Chief of Civil Engineers

WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, D.C. — Rear Adm. Michael K. Loose assumed command of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and became the 40th Chief of Civil Engineers during a ceremony Oct. 24.

Loose relieved Rear Adm. Michael R. Johnson who had been in command of NAVFAC since October 2000. Rear Adm. Johnson, who departs the Navy after 34 years of military service, was retired by the Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Vern Clark.

During the ceremony, Adm. Clark awarded Rear Adm. Johnson the Distinguished Service Medal—the Navy's highest peacetime award—for his efforts in leading 13,300 personnel in 22 subordinate commands and activities responsible for executing \$9 billion of global work. According to his award citation, Johnson "guided the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Civil Engineer Corps in establishing the highest standards of excellence in the planning, design, construction and management of the naval shore facilities across the globe..." and "propelled NAVFAC into the 21st Century as a recognized leader in the delivery of facility engineering solutions, both within the Department of Defense and private sector."

Under his command from October 2000 to October 2003, Johnson achieved a number of innovative and cost-cutting projects in support of the Navy and Marine Corps combat mission. For example, he directed the establishment of a new FIRST Naval Construction Division and Naval Construction Forces Command structure



The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark (right), who was guest speaker at the change of command for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Oct. 24 congratulates Rear Adm. Michael R. Johnson (left), who retired after nearly 34 years of Naval service. They are joined by RADM Christopher Weaver (center), Commander Navy Installations, who provided welcoming remarks. (photo by JOC Dan Ross)

by merging two Seabee brigades to provide a single command interface for Seabee operations worldwide.

On his watch, Johnson insured that Navy families were able to live in safe, adequate, high quality and affordable housing at no cost to the American taxpayers. This housing program, called Public-Private Venture Housing or "PPVs," and the Navy's first choice for solving what has been a long-term housing renovation and replacement problem. As a result of his vision, eight

Public-Private Venture Family Housing projects were executed in which 8,985 homes were privatized. Due to Johnson's leadership, the Department of the Navy realized \$1.1 billion in initial construction for a government investment of only \$143 million. This amount is more than four times as many homes as NAVFAC would have been able to address utilizing traditional methods, with quality that surpasses traditional military construction.

Rear Admiral Loose pins on second star

WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, D.C. — Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Chief of Civil Engineers, Rear Adm. Michael K. Loose, Civil Engineer Corps, USN, pinned on his second star in a ceremony here Nov. 26.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M., and graduate of the University of Kansas, Loose took command of NAVFAC Oct. 24. He served as Atlantic Division Commander from August 2002 to October 2003.

NAVFAC manages the planning, design, construction and public works support for shore facilities for U.S. Navy activities around the world. NAVFAC, a global organization with an annual volume of business in excess of \$8 billion, provides Navy forces with the operating, expeditionary, support and training bases they need.

Components recognize top military and civilian engineers

Atlantic Division components have selected their Military and Civilian Engineers of the Year and forwarded the nominations to NAVFAC Headquarters for competition as the NAVFAC Engineers of the Year.

Lt. Cmdr. Marshall Sykes, Deputy Director of Acquisition was selected as the LANTDIV HQ Military Engineer. He was recognized for his performance as Public Works Operations Officer for Naval Support Activity (NSA) Norfolk / Support Services Program Manager, where he oversaw a facilities infrastructure worth over \$1 billion across seven bases; and as the LANTDIV Deputy Director of Acquisition, where he had oversight on design, construction and contingency contracts throughout the AOR. He earned both bachelor and master's degrees in materials engineering from N.C. State University and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas.

The LANTDIV HQ Civilian Engineer is Tim Reisch, a remedial project manager in Environmental. He successfully fostered a synergistic relationship among federal and state regulators, the local community and other agencies for the clean up of the New Gosport Landfill and the Atlantic Wood Superfund site. He earned a bachelor's degree in materials engineering from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in environmental engineering from Old Dominion.

Lt. Cmdr. Brian Moore, ROICC DIA, is the EFA Chesapeake Military Engineer. He was recognized for his best value contract acquisition, establishing a new field office, managing 15 engineers, architects, contract specialists and technicians for design and construction of a \$100 million addition to the Defense Intelligence Agency and for his work as EFA Ches Activity Operations Officer. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in environmental en-



Lt. Cmdr. John Alberghini

gineering from MIT.

The EFA Chesapeake Civilian Engineer is Malraj ("Manu") Dhokai, a senior mechanical engineer. He was recognized for his work on projects involving cutting edge technologies, extreme requirements for controlled environments, and demanding timelines, including the Nanoscience Laboratory at the Naval Research Laboratory, the Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters building at the Washington Navy Yard and Hurricane Isabel Response at the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Baroda University in India.

Lt. Steve Stasick, ROICC Bahrain, is the EFA Mediterranean Military Engineer. In response to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom he managed 120 construction projects in Bahrain and Kuwait valued at \$28 million. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Cleveland State University.

Jim Hogenson, a Fire Protection Engineer at ROICC Aviano, is the EFA Med Civilian Engineer. He leads a forward deployed team of engineers



Malraj Dhokai

providing design, construction and consultation support throughout the European theater. He earned a bachelor's degree in fire protection engineering from the University of Maryland.

Lt. Cmdr. John Alberghini, ROICC New London, is the EFA Northeast Military Engineer. He successfully managed a 47 percent increase in work in a three-state area of responsibility over the previous year without a corresponding increase in staffing. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from Penn State and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of South Carolina.

Nicholas Souchik, a Project Manager at Rome, N.Y. for ROICC East Pa, is the EFA NE Civilian Engineer. He is responsible for design management, project management and construction management at this remote location. He successfully led design and construction of a \$24 million Consolidated Intelligence and Reconnaissance Laboratory for the Air Force. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Tri-State University in Indiana. He is an Engineer in Training in Pennsylvania.



Jim Hogenson



Lt. Cmdr. Brian Moore



Tim Reisch



Nick Souchik



Lt. Steve Stasick



Lt. Cmdr. Marshall Sykes

Family ties

When Old Dominion University cheerleader Sherri Miano was honored at Senior Night in March, it was a family affair. Her sister, Michelle, works on the Caribbean IPT at Atlantic Division HQ. Sherri also worked here last summer through the Summer Hire program. Michelle, Sherri, their father and brother all are ODU graduates and all electrical engineers working in Hampton Roads. Their father, John Miano, works for the Naval Surface Warfare Center Detachment Norfolk, brother David is employed by Northrop Grumman Newport News and Sherri is back at ODU working on a graduate degree in engineering management.



In the photo are parents John and Shirley Miano, Michelle, Sherri, ODU cheerleading coach Geoff Bambini and Big Blue, the ODU mascot. (Photo by Tina Price courtesy of Old Dominion University)

ROICC Camp Lejeune helps Carolina neighbors following Hurricane Isabel

By Ensign Heather Swanson

ROICC CAMP LEJEUNE—After Hurricane Isabel hit the North Carolina coast Sept. 18, everyone working in the ROICC and Public Works offices at Camp Lejeune took a look around and let out a sigh of relief. Echos of, "We were very lucky," could be heard down all of the corridors. But not all of coastal Carolina fared as well as Camp Lejeune. Just to the east, Carteret County sustained \$16 million in damages, according to the county's Emergency Management Services. Most of the damages were in the low-lying areas of eastern Carteret County known locally as "Down East." To help out the neighboring community, Supervisory General Engineer Gary Horne, spearheaded a donation drive. ROICC and Public Works employees were encouraged to donate cleaning supplies, bottled water, paper products, and non-perishable food items. In addition to all of the items that were collected and delivered to the Salvation Army in Morehead City, the office also made a cash donation of \$200.



Helping load up the donations are, from the left, Lt. j.g. Nick Rivers, J.C. Wade, Ens. Dave Girouard, Ens. Dan O'Neal, Ens. Heather Swanson, Gary Horne, Mike Brown, Joan Yantorn, and Lt. j.g. Denver Terrance

Clinic breaks ground for addition, renovation

ROICC SEWELLS POINT—Ground was broken Oct. 6 for a \$17.1 million project to construct a two-story, 60,000 sq. ft. addition to the Sewells Point Branch Medical Clinic in Norfolk. The addition will expand the primary care clinic, acute care services, family practice, physical exam, and administrative functions. The project will also renovate the existing building, relocate the access road and expand parking. This is the first renovation to the clinic, the Navy's busiest, since it opened in 1978. The work is to be completed in Summer 2007.

Participating in the ground breaking are, left to right, Lt. Joe Boyles, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Pete Prescott, Naval Healthcare Support Office, Cmdr Paul Webb, ROICC



Sewells Point, Capt. Jerry Becker, CO Naval Station Norfolk, Rear Adm. Thomas Burkhard, Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Cmdr. Diane Hoover, OIC Sewells Point

Branch Medical Clinic, Capt. Thomas Faull, OIC Naval Healthcare Support Office, Van Carson, ROICC Sewells Point, and Steve Radil, M.A. Mortenson Construction Co.

N.Y. project earns USAF design award

NAVFAC Field Activity Northeast—

The Air Force Intelligence and Reconnaissance Lab project at Rome, N.Y. was selected as the Honor Award Winner for concept design in the 2004 Air Force Materiel Command Design Awards competition. The project will compete with other Air Force projects for the Air Force level award.

"This is a Tremendous Success," exclaimed Lt. Cmdr. Bill King, ROICC East Pennsylvania, whose office is managing the construction with a satellite office in Rome. Vince Martucci is the supervisory general engineer in Philadelphia with Nick Souchik, Nate Price and Christine Sholz in New York.

The Air Force initially planned to renovate an old warehouse at the former Rome Laboratory when that activity was closed in 1995. However, with help from the local congressman, the Griffiss Local Development Corp.



and the New York State Department of Economic Development, matching state funds were provided making it possible to demolish the warehouse and build a new \$24 million facility.

The new facility, scheduled for completion in November, will reduce operational costs by consolidating personnel and functions from 15 separate buildings into five.

Quantico design-build project honored by Associated Builders and Contractors

NAVFAC Field Activity Chesapeake

— On Sept. 10, Coakley Williams received an Excellence in Construction Award from the Metro Washington and Virginia Chapters of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) for the Colonel William Barber Semper Fit Physical Activities Center at Marine Corps Base Quantico. NAVFAC Field Activity Chesapeake's Quantico RO-ICC team managed the nearly \$10 million design-build construction project, which was completed in May.

"Every year, this competition raises the bar for construction standards in the Washington area by recognizing the dedication of contractors," said Patrick J. Dean, ABC Virginia Chapter president. "This is an exciting competition because of ABC member's devotion to the very highest standards of excellence."

Awards were presented in 20 categories, including commercial, indus-



trial, institutional, historic restoration, interiors, residential, retail, electrical, mechanical, and small business. The Quantico Fitness Center won in the category of "Institutional Projects over \$8 million," which is the largest of the four Institutional categories.

More than 43 companies entered 146 projects into the competition. Teams of judges from a cross-section of the industry, including architects, owners, and government officials reviewed the entry forms and completed site visits.

First phase of Slocum Housing opens

ROICC CHERRY POINT—The Marine Corps cut the ribbon on the first increment of new housing at Slocum Village at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. Oct. 17.

The \$38 million design-build project will eventually demolish 319 existing housing units in Slocum Village and construct 278 new townhouse style units in 85 buildings. Planned in three phases, the project will complete in about a year.

Cherry Point Housing's detailed management of vacancies and relocation schedules and the flexibility of the contractor, Hunt Building Corp., resulted in negotiated savings of approximately \$230,000 associated with a reduction of 221 days on the contract schedule. The schedule savings were used to minimize the effects of weather delays and time required for redesign of the site layout.

Commenting on the weather conditions, which saw a drought-ending eight feet of rain in 18 months, Robert Marshall, Vice President of Hunt Building Corp. said "The site conditions were not conducive for production, but a team effort got us here today."

Major General Robert Flanagan, Commanding General MCAS Cherry



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Point, called the ribbon cutting "A special day." "I have pride in the good feeling I have providing good quality housing for our families," he added. "Special thanks to LANTDIV and the ROICC for their oversight of this important project."

"This project represents the future for our young enlisted Marines," added General William Nyland, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. "We ask them everyday to make sac-

rifices. They and their families deserve the best for what they do."

Early on Slocum Village was recognized as outstanding by independent professionals. In April of last year, the project, designed by Greenhorne and O'Mara, was selected as the outstanding sustainable planning/design project by the Federal Planning Division of the American Planning Association.

Slocum Village was built in 1952 to accommodate both military families and civilian employees working on the base. The base took over Slocum management in 1959 and it transitioned to military housing as civilian occupants vacated units. The housing units were renovated in 1981.



LANTDIV Commander, Rear Adm. Rich Cellon, third from left, joins Marine Corps officials to cut the ribbon opening Slocum Housing at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

Barracks construction starts at Vicenza

By Kent Harris,
Stars & Stripes

ROICC VICENZA — It'll take a few years, but some soldiers at Caserma Ederle, Italy will eventually be able to move into new digs.

Construction is under way on two barracks on base that are projected to add accommodations for about 300 Soldiers in late 2005. The two sites, which make up a project valued at more than 20.2 million euros, are part of a wave of new construction going on around the base. But it's the first time in at least three decades that new living accommodations will go up on base.

"It will conform to the Army's One plus One barracks standard," said Chris Menia, supervisory general engineer for the Navy's Resident Officer in Charge of Construction. The Navy is in charge of American military construction projects throughout Italy.

Two Soldiers will share a common kitchen and bathroom and each will have his own bedroom. Kitchens will feature a refrigerator, cooking area and microwave. Rooms feature tile floors, air conditioning and ceiling fans as well as wiring so Soldiers can plug in telephones, computers and televisions.

There also will be a few suites in one of the barracks for higher enlisted single Soldiers, Menia said.



This former parking lot and vehicle inspection area at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy will eventually turn into a barracks for 300 Soldiers. Buildings on two sites are now under construction, with move in sometime in 2005. (Photo by Kent Harris, Stars & Stripes)

Each of the four-story buildings will also have common rooms, including areas for larger-scale cooking and laundry. They'll also feature a mud room where Soldiers can clean off their gear and a secure place to store weapons.

Basketball courts, picnic areas and parking spaces will also be constructed outside the barracks. Currently, there's room for about 1,100 Soldiers to live on base. Dozens of

military families live in the nearby Villaggio housing area. Caserma Ederle isn't as crowded as it would be these days, because most of the 173rd Airborne Brigade is deployed to Iraq.

The new barracks are designated for members of the 173rd. One is set to open in July 2005, with the other debuting four months later. Impresa Pizzarotti & Co. of Parma is handling the construction.

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From left to right Col. Donald Drummer, Commander 22D Area Support Group (ASG), Maj. Gen. Thomas Turner, Commanding General Southern European Task Force (SETAF), Stefano Soncini, Impresa Pizzarotti, Kambiz Razzaghi, Director of Public Works, and Lt. Ana Franco, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Vicenza, break ground for the new barracks.

NAVFAC recognized with Federal Energy Management Award

WASHINGTON, DC—On Oct. 30 the Naval Facilities Engineering Command was awarded the 2003 Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management. The award was presented by Clay Johnson, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. Representatives from LANTDIV, SOUTHDIV, SOUTHWESTDIV, Engineering Service Center, the NAVFAC Contracting Office in Port Heuneme (NAVFACCO) and NAVFAC Headquarters were present to accept the award.

Four areas of leadership are cited with NAVFAC demonstrating outstanding performance in each. These areas are Implementation, Institutionalization, Outreach and Results. NAVFAC was the only one of several federal activities to show such a comprehensive approach.

The NAVFAC Energy Program invests worldwide in energy efficiency, incorporating nearly all the Executive Order 13123 tools into its policies and practices to promote energy efficiency and achieve results. In this model program, NAVFAC:

- Used alternative financing mechanisms, including energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts, to fund cost effective energy efficiency improvements sooner rather than later, repaying the



contractors through energy cost savings.

- Installed renewable energy technologies such as photovoltaic arrays and geothermal systems to displace electricity generated from fossil fuels and to reduce dependence on the grid.

- Installed highly energy-efficient cogeneration plants, which produce both electricity and heat.

- Implemented water conservation plans, which save both water and energy.

- Purchased ENERGY STAR high efficiency appliances and lighting fixtures.

- Applied ENERGY STAR building

benchmarking standards to evaluate efficiency of existing buildings

- Used sustainable building design standards in planning for construction of all new buildings.

The NAVFAC program has generated significant results for the Navy and Marine Corps. To date, it has reduced energy consumption per gross square foot by 26 percent in standard buildings relative to the FY 1985 baseline. Investments of \$200 million in energy savings projects during FY 2002 are expected to reduce energy consumption by more than 900 billion Btu per year, or enough energy for 600 typical buildings.

Seabees earn Presidential Unit Citation

NORFOLK, VA (NNS)—Seabees that deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom under the First Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) Engineer Group were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation Nov. 14. The medal is the Navy's highest unit award.

"During the 33 days of combat, to the transition to civil-military opera-

tions, I MEF sustained a tempo of operations never before seen on the modern battlefield, conducting four major river crossings, maintaining the initiative and sustaining forces," the citation read.

The Seabees played a major role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, constructing ammunition storage areas, aircraft

parking areas, a prisoner of war camp, bridges and roads. After major hostilities ended, they repaired schools, police stations, fire stations and other government buildings, and repaired utility systems to help the Iraqi people. They also made quality of life improvements for I MEF troops including bed downs and utilities.

Navy and EPA team up to tackle clean up process and win award for their efforts

WASHINGTON, DC—In June a joint EPA/Navy team received an award from the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response for negotiating Land Use Control/Post Record of Decision Principles for the Navy's Installation Restoration (IR) Program.

Jim Wolford, head of the Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office at EPA, presented the award to several EPA team members and Navy representatives Paul Yaroschak, ASN (I&E), Gerald Kohns, NAVFAC HQ, Al Haring, EFA Northeast, Scott Glass, Southern Division and Paul Rakowski, Atlantic Division.

Over the years, disagreement occurred between the EPA and DoD over EPA's authority to oversee and enforce cleanups at federal facilities on the Superfund's National Priorities List after a Record of Decision (ROD) had been reached. This ultimately resulted in 51 RODs, 21 Federal Facility Agreements (FFA) and approximately 20 additional remedy decision documents being held up due to the post-ROD dispute.

According to the citation, the Department of the Navy showed exceptional leadership in approaching EPA with a proposal to resolve the post-ROD issues at Navy sites. Senior Navy managers worked tirelessly with both EPA headquarters and regional managers to reach consensus on the Principles. In only four months, a landmark settlement with the Department of Navy was reached which preserves EPA's oversight and enforcement au-

thority.

A benefit to the Navy was recognition that it may transfer responsibilities for land use controls to new owners when the property is transferred. At the same time, the agreement provides guidelines for streamlining decision documents, also an important issue for the Navy. This comprehensive settlement, entitled "Principles and Procedures for Specifying, Monitoring and Enforcement of Land Use Controls and Other Post-ROD Actions," provides a common sense approach that satisfies dual and complementary objectives – ensuring long-term protectiveness of the remedy and promoting a results-oriented approach in the process.

"These post-ROD Principles represent a classic win-win-win for the Navy, EPA and our stakeholders," said Paul Yarochak, ASN (I&E). "The Principles recognize Navy's lead agency responsibilities for response actions and EPA's post-ROD enforcement responsibilities.

"We decided to take a collaborative approach with EPA rather than a confrontational approach," he continued. "Rather than spending time and money arguing, we are getting the job done. The end result is the implementation of land use controls in a cost-effective manner that ensures their long term viability and thus protection of human health."

Working together, the team crafted a solution that will apply to both Navy and Army sites and may become a model for other agency cleanups.

The Dept. of Defense adopted the Principles on Oct. 2. Shortly afterward, the Navy signed its first Federal Facility Agreement in several years with EPA and the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality for NAB Little Creek. Other FFA's that have been on hold at Mechanicsburg, Willow Grove, St Julians Creek Annex, Norfolk Naval Shipyard and MCAS Cherry Point should be signed soon.

"I know that I speak for our EPA and Navy colleagues who were recognized at the ceremony that we believe it reflects the hard efforts of many Navy and EPA remedial project managers, first line managers, and support personnel who have labored many years to develop and maintain a partnering approach in executing the Navy's IR program," said Paul Rakowski, head of the LANTDIV HQ Environmental Programs Branch. "Without the trust, credibility and communication of these partnering teams, the folks who were named in the award would not have been able to successfully negotiate the Principles document."

"The remedial project managers at EFANE and I'm sure those at other EFD/EFAs are now relieved that they can confidently move forward with their remediation projects," added Al Haring, EFA NE Supervisory Environmental Engineer. "I have to credit the cooperative spirit our EPA counterparts brought to the table and the leadership demonstrated by our senior Navy folks in bringing this issue to resolution."

Pacific Division earns Air Force design award

PACIFIC DIVISION—For the third time in the past four years, PACDIV received the 2004 Pacific Air Forces Design Agent Award. Clyde Morita, Chief Engineer and Design Division Director, accepted the honor on behalf of PACDIV during ceremonies Oct. 28.

"Congratulations and thanks to

each of you for the professional performance in exceeding the expectations of our Air Force clients," said Morita to the PACDIV staff involved in the Air Force projects. "Your continued level of excellence is appreciated by all and contributes greatly to honors like this." This year, PACDIV was recognized for projects in Guam,

Wake Island and Diego Garcia that totaled nearly \$150 million, and included the extraordinary award of a \$35 million hangar in less than six months.

In 2002 and 2003, PACDIV competed with other agencies worldwide to earn overall honors as Air Force Design Agent of the Year.

They use my bail to put bad guys in jail

VIRGINIA BEACH—Bonnie Capito, LANTDIV HQ Environmental Librarian, spent Nov. 7 in Jail, locked up for her involvement with crime.

Before jumping to conclusions, Bonnie was one of 16 citizens who volunteered to be locked up as part of the Crime Solvers of Virginia Beach annual Lock-Up for Bucks fundraiser at the Virginia Beach City Hall Administration Building.

Crime Solvers is a citizen/law enforcement personnel partnership whose purpose is to create public awareness of the anonymous telephone line (1-888-LOCK-U-UP) and to raise funds to pay for the anonymous tips phoned in via the toll-free number. Board members receive no compensation; 100 percent of funds collected go toward paying tipsters.

Collectively, the volunteers contacted over 200 people to make their "bail." Bonnie, who is a member of Virginia Beach Crime Solvers volunteered to be locked up. She reached her \$500 goal by collecting tax-deductible cash, checks, pledges and credit



card payments. By the end of the day, the lock up volunteers collected approximately \$9,500 all of which will go to pay rewards to anonymous tipsters.

"I have two friends who have been on the Crime Solvers Board for years," Bonnie said. "They felt that I had the skills and talents they were looking for, namely, I can read and write really well;

that qualifies me to apply for grants for the program.

"I consider it one of the greatest honors I've ever received - being asked to serve. It's an organization that I really believe in and don't mind the time that it takes to do a good job," she explained.

The Virginia Beach Crime Solvers has been widely recognized for its achievements. Since its inception in May 1982, the program has received 45 state, regional and international awards for productivity. Tips on crime have helped the police recover over \$22.7 million in stolen property and drugs. Tips have also led to the arrest of over 5,471 individuals; the conviction rate for arrests is approximately 98 percent. Rewards authorized by the Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Board to anonymous callers have totaled over \$531,000 to date.

For more information about the program, contact the Crime Solvers office at 757-427-8995 or visit the Crime Solvers website at: www.crimesolvers.com.

EFA Ches managing construction of new Naval Academy Jewish Chapel

NAVFAC Field Activity Chesapeake — The long-awaited Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy is now under construction. In September, NAVFAC Field Activity Chesapeake awarded the \$14.2 million construction contract to the Whiting-Turner Company. The groundbreaking ceremony, which was rescheduled due to Hurricane Isabel, was held Nov. 2 with representatives from the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, and Friends of the Jewish Chapel in attendance.

"It will serve not only as a house of worship for the Jewish midshipmen but also as an ethics, leadership and fellowship center for all midshipmen," said retired Cmdr. Howard Pinskey,

treasurer of The Friends of the Jewish Chapel.

The project, which is slated for completion in March 2005, includes construction of the three-story Levy Center and Chapel, plus a 40,000 sq. ft. renovation and modernization of the adjacent Mitscher Hall.

Designed by Boggs & Partners, the elegant architectural details include a classical portico featuring the Star of David and a chapel interior framed in metal, stone, and wood. The 412-seat chapel will include a traditional Sephardic Bimah and Judaic art. The building will also house a media center, library, offices, a social and study area, meditation space, a kitchen and dining space, classrooms and the honor court.

The ROICC Annapolis team, led by Cmdr. Rick Burgess, is managing the contract and construction. Lt. Jason Arnold is project AROICC and Christopher Gallop is the project AREICC.

The Friends of the Jewish Chapel and the Naval Academy Foundation raised more than \$12 million for the facility and endowments to sustain programs and maintain the structure.

The Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel was approved by the U.S. Naval Academy and then-Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig in 1999. It is named in honor of Commodore Uriah P. Levy, who served from 1812-1862 and became the first Jewish Navy commodore.

Aviano AB Visiting Quarters opens

ROICC Aviano—The new 40,000 sq. ft. Visiting Quarters (VQ) at Aviano Air Base, Italy was completed Oct. 15. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held Dec. 2 with a very happy client ready to use what 31st Air Wing Services called “the best VQ in DoD”.

The VQ provides the Air Force with a much-needed short-term “hotel-type” facility at the Aviano Air Base. Each of the 80 suites consists of a kitchen, living room and separate bedroom and bath. The visitors will have the sense that they are staying in a nice, well furnished five-star hotel. Each suite also has cable TV and a DVD player.

The interior of the facility is nicely appointed with carpeted corridors, wood chair rail and wallpaper. Guests will be welcomed with their choice of an American coffee or Italian cappuccino in the nice décor of the lounge area.

The VQ is centrally located in the Zappala Area of the Aviano Air Base with the exchange/commissary across the street. With the opening of the Collocated Club in November 2003 and the new theater coming in late



The new 40,000 sq. ft. Visiting Quarters (VQ) at Aviano Air Base, Italy was completed Oct. 15.

2004, guests will be able to take advantage of a number of services within walking distance of their lodging. Overall, visitors will thoroughly enjoy their stay and have a beautiful view of

the Dolomite Mountains each time they visit Aviano.

The Project Engineer is Luke Jackson and the ConRep is Maurizio Zorat.



VMI Cadets tour DIA project in Washington

ROICC DIA tour guide Tony Teriitehau, VMI 1995, shows senior Civil Engineering cadets from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) the area between the first slab on grade pour and the area being prepared for the second section to be poured for a \$99 million addition to the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center. NAVFAC Field Activity Chesapeake hosted 34 cadets and three professors Oct. 8 for a project design briefing and jobsite tour. (Photo by Kelly Turner)

Charles Stermer one of many retiring ConReps

ROICC KEFLAVIK—It is a pleasure to work with quality people but unfortunately in our business associates at overseas locations will often rotate to different jobs. It is uncommon to have someone retire out of an overseas assignment.

ROICC Keflavik has the pleasure of announcing the retirement of Charles Stermer from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC).

Charlie has dedicated over 30 years as a NAVFAC civilian overseeing and guaranteeing quality military construction. He began his career in 1965 as an inspector, when NAVFAC was known as the Bureau of Yards and Docks. He continued his service as a Construction Representative at several ROICC offices including: Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Naval Station Norfolk; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland.

Over the years, Charles'



experience and expertise in the field of construction have contributed to the installation of over \$200 million worth of construction on many high visibility projects, including the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, Pier 10 at Norfolk Naval Station, the Norfolk

Navy Lodge, Gathright Damn in Virginia and many more.

"It is a shame to have to say goodbye to a person who is so valuable to our organization," said Catherine Ballinger, ROICC Keflavik Supervisory General Engineer.

"Charles has a vast knowledge of military and civilian construction operations. His selfless service to NAVFAC and to the Navy has been greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. We have learned a tremendous amount from his experience and insight. Charlie's unique personality, charming persona and professionalism will be missed dearly throughout NAVFAC and in particular here at ROICC Keflavik."

After departing the Land of Fire and Ice, Charles plans on retiring to a warmer location where the sun sets in the summer and rises longer than four hours in the winter. He will permanently reside in Florida. Fair Winds and Following Seas!

Roosevelt Roads to close March 31

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Navy has begun taking steps to close Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, P.R. as directed by the FY-04 Military Appropriations Act. By law, Roosevelt Roads will close on 31 March 2004. Ultimate disposal will be accomplished over a longer timeframe.

Commander Navy Installations (CNI) has established an integrated product team to work planning and implementation of closure actions. Commander Navy Region Southeast will establish a Transition Support Office, called Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR), which will assume responsibility for the base on March 31.

NAPR's mission will be to protect the remaining physical assets and sustain the value of the property while the Navy goes through the disposal process. Port and airfield operations will cease Jan. 31. The Naval Hospital will close March 15, but will continue to operate a clinic to support transition personnel. The Navy Exchange

and Commissary will reduce operations after Jan. 31. DoD schools will remain open through the end of the current school year.

The Atlantic Division and Southern Division are working closely together to provide NAVFAC support for the closure and transition. SOUTHDIV's Jimmy Anderson, Head of the Roosevelt Roads Disposal Team, is very excited about the progress to date on the LANTDIV/SOUTHDIV Roosevelt Roads joint disposal initiative.

"It's a great example of inter-dependency between our two EFDs," says Anderson. "We're leveraging a SOUTHDIV project management team and the LANTDIV Roosevelt Roads technical experts who have knowledge of the local facilities into a joint team that will ensure a successful disposal of Roosevelt Roads."

Anderson remarked that many disposal requisite actions are already started, including NEPA actions, Fed-



Jimmy Anderson

eral / DOD screening processes as well as the commencement of actions for the environmental baseline survey.

At press time, decisions about ROICC office operations and personnel were pending.

NAVFAC wins Smart Growth award

Washington Navy Yard, D.C. — The Naval Facilities Engineering Command was one of five winners of the 2003 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Smart Growth Achievement Awards announced in a ceremony Nov. 19 at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

The EPA awards annually recognize outstanding achievement in smart growth development practices, which support national environmental goals by preserving open space and parkland, protecting critical habitat; improving transportation choices to reduce emissions from automobiles; promoting “brownfield” redevelopment; and reducing polluted run-off.

NAVFAC's Southwest Division won the award in the Built Projects category for The Village at Naval Training Center (NTC), located three miles from downtown San Diego, adjacent to existing retail areas and with access to public transportation. The project reuses a portion of a decommissioned training center and creates attractive affordable housing for military families.

“We are proud of this award and The Village at Naval Training Center. This project demonstrates that Navy family housing can be affordable and high quality,” said Rear Adm. Michael Loose, NAVFAC commander.

States, local or regional governments can compete for the EPA Smart

Growth awards in the following categories: Built Projects, Policies and Regulation, Community Outreach and Education, Public Schools and Overall Excellence in Smart Growth. For this year's awards, EPA received 112 applications from 31 states and the District of Columbia.

The award recipients were chosen through a multi-step process. A panel of external experts representing a broad range of constituencies with interest and expertise in the built environment and smart growth were the initial judges. EPA's Associate Administrator for Policy, Economics and Innovation made the final award determinations using criteria that includes: mixed land uses; walkable neighborhoods; distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place; and more balanced regional development.

Completed in late 2003, the Village at NTC is a neighborhood created through the Navy's Public Private Venture program — a public/private partnership consisting of the Navy, a development team, a construction entity, a financier and a property management team.

Public Private Ventures (PPV) solve two significant problems concerning housing for military service members and their families: the poor condition of Department of Defense-

owned housing, and a shortage of affordable private housing of adequate quality. Through the partnership, old, rundown housing is replaced with new, modern houses and new deficit homes are built at a lower cost to the government. After completion, units are owned, managed, operated and maintained by a private property management company. Service members sign leases with the management company and their housing allowance is then paid as rent to the property manager. Recent PPV project sites include Camp Pendleton, Calif., Quantico, Va., New Orleans, La. and Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Village at NTC is located near the water at the western end of San Diego Bay. The 50-acre neighborhood forms a part of a larger NTC Reuse Plan incorporating a seven-acre elementary school site, 500 townhouse residences, a community center and recreation space. The recreation space includes landscaped areas replete with picnic/barbecue areas, tot lots, basketball and volleyball courts. The 11,000-sq. ft. community center is complete with swimming pool, fitness facility and other amenities. The surrounding neighborhood includes the Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, San Diego Bay and the existing Point Loma residential neighborhood and commercial facilities.

Support for Iceland, Azores moves to EFA Med

WASHINGTON, DC (AFNS)—Changes to the DoD's Unified Command Plan, which establishes the missions, responsibilities, force structure and geographic responsibilities for the unified combatant commanders, brought some minor changes to the Atlantic Division.

The new plan, implemented on Oct. 1, established the U.S. Northern Command in Colorado and shifted portions of U.S. Joint Forces Command's geographic area of responsibility to the U.S. European Command and the U.S. Northern Command.

Responsibility for Iceland, Greenland, the Azores, more than half of the Atlantic Ocean shifted from the U. S. Joint

Forces Command to the U.S. European Command. Facilities and Military Construction support for Iceland and the Azores will switch from LANTDIV HQ to EFA Med.

The Unified Command Plan also adjusted the borders for U.S. Southern Command. U.S. Northern Command's area of operations will include the United States, Canada, Mexico, parts of the Caribbean and the contiguous waters in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans up to 500 miles off the North American coastline. Cuba is 90 miles south of the Florida Keys and falls inside Northern Command's area of responsibility. However, for the time being Cuba will remain with U.S. Southern Command.



Bruce English (center) was the winner of the Fall Picnic Salsa Competition. Chris Wallace (left) and Eileen Nave (right) presented him with the prize.



Co-workers decorated Yvette Jefferson's cubicle for her birthday Oct. 23.

Parting shots



Myra Uzzle dances with Santa at the HQ Holiday Party at Nauticus.



ROICC and Orion Construction personnel enjoy a partnering lunch celebrating the mid-point in housing renovations at Shelton Circle & Gela Point at NAB Little Creek.



Vice Admiral Konetzni leads a round of applause for Rear Adm. Loose.